

GOVERNMENT CONTROL FOR TWO MORE YEARS URGED

LABOR AND FARM HEADS ASK FOR IT

GOMPERS SAYS ANTI-STRIKE CLAUSE IN CUMMINGS BILL WILL MAKE LAWBREAKERS OUT OF PATRIOTIC CITIZENS—PRESIDENT WILL BE APPEALED TO.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—A plea that the Cummings railroad bill now before the Senate be withdrawn and that government control of the railroads be continued at least two years was made today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of the railroad brotherhoods and the officials of several farmers organizations, who appeared before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

The delegation, numbering twenty-nine, will call at the White House today in an effort to induce President Wilson to retain the roads two years longer, it was announced.

Mr. Gompers, who led the attack on the Cummings bill before the Senate committee today severely criticized the anti-strike provisions of the bill, declaring it would make lawbreakers out of patriotic citizens who wouldn't obey.

It was intimated at the White House today that President Wilson's special railroad message to congress would be ready in a few days.

DE LUXE TRAIN COMING.
East Coast to Operate Palace on Wheels in January.

On January 5th, 1920 full winter schedule will go into effect and the Florida East Coast will have the best service that has ever been provided. In addition to the five trains each way already mentioned, the FLORIDA SPECIAL, train de luxe, will be inaugurated; it will be limited to 9 cars, all Pullman, dining car service. One of the cars going operated between New York and Key West; two between New York and Miami and four between New York and Palm Beach. This will be an extra fare train with facilities not heretofore provided on any Florida train, such as valet, mail, secretary, barber and bath service. In addition to the regular railroad transportation and Pullman charges an extra fare of \$10.00 will be assessed.

PROTECTING SMALL PAPERS.
Is Purpose of Recommendation of House Post Office Committee.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—An appeal to newspaper publishers of the country make an immediate reduction of ten per cent in the size of their publications because of the paper shortage was made today by the House Postoffice Committee. Such action is necessary to prevent the destruction of a large number of newspapers in smaller towns, and will inflict irreparable injury on the communities served by them, the Committee declared.

BOLS TAKE TWO DUMPS.
(By United Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 17—Bolshevik forces have captured Kiev and Juvansk, in southwestern Russia, from the Anti-Bolshevik forces, a Moscow wireless said today.

MARION COUNTY URGES PUTNAM TO BUILD ROADS

MEANS MUCH IN CARRYING BOND ISSUE THERE—COMMISSIONERS COME HERE TO STIR UP INTEREST—STEPS TO BE TAKEN EARLY IN NEW YEAR

Marion county is to make another effort to put over a bond issue to construct a system of good roads, following the failure of the last effort, three weeks ago, to carry. The majority against the issue was very small.

But Marion's system of good roads, and prospect for state aid depends very largely on what steps Putnam county will take towards connecting up the link. Alachua is in very much the same position. This county now is the key to the situation, it is pointed out, so far as the middle Florida counties are concerned.

In an effort to secure the cooperation of the people of this county the entire board of county commissioners of Marion county came over here yesterday and called on Dr. A. M. Steen, chairman of the Putnam county commissioners. Dr. Steen assured the visitors that he and the other members of the board heartily favored building the road between Palatka and Gainesville, and the construction of other connecting links in the county, but that the board is powerless to do anything until the property owners of the county evince a desire for road construction.

Dr. Steen told the Marion county commissioners that he would be unable to give them any assurances of what Putnam county will do, just as he was forced to tell the commissioners and bond trustees of Alachua county. He gave them a statement of Putnam county's present bonded indebtedness, with the property valuation, showing that the county is less heavily bonded than any in the state and could easily afford a bond issue, but further than this he was unable to say.

That is the way the matter stands. The state highway commission holds a meeting in January to reapportion road funds. Chairman Smith has intimated that he believes the road between Gainesville and Palatka to be a need for the state's system, but he or the commission are powerless to do anything until the counties themselves make some move.

Putnam Able to Bond.
Putnam county's bonded indebtedness now, as shown by Dr. Steen, is approximately \$600,000 with a property valuation of over \$5,000,000. A bond issue of a million and a half dollars would absorb all present outstanding indebtedness and provide all of the roads which are now an imperative need.

In order to issue these bonds it will be necessary for the property owners of the county to circulate a petition calling on the commissioners to call an election. The election will be called if a sufficient number of signers to the petition are secured.

RADIUM FOR CANCER VICTIMS.
State Health Board Secures Use of a Valuable Supply.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 17—Determined that cancer shall not take toll lives in Florida in the future as it has in the past, Dr. Ralph N. Greene, health officer, is making tentative plans to secure the use of radium from Dr. L. E. Bransford, of Knoxville, to treat the disease. Dr. Bransford has what probably is the actual supply of radium in the state and has agreed to use it for the board of Health on a part time basis.

MEXICO SENDS AN EVASIVE NOTE FOR HOLDING JENKINS

SAYS THAT SINCE JENKINS HAS BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL PRESUMES "ILL FEELING" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS DISAPPEARED.

(By United Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17—The Mexican government, replying to the second American note demanding the release of William Jenkins, the American Consul Agent at Puebla, declared that since Jenkins has been released on bail Mexico presumes that "ill feeling" between the two countries has disappeared, it was learned today.

Jenkins has been trying to have his bail revoked and himself recommitted to the Puebla Jail since the bail was furnished without consulting Jenkins or the American government.

GERMANY TO SIGN UP PEACE PROTOCOL OR SUFFER CONSEQUENCES

(By United Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 17—The Peace Conference expects to submit a final note to Germany this week fixing the time limit for signing the Protocol it was learned today. Some disagreements have arisen between the Allied German experts regarding the compensation Germany will be able to pay for sinking the Scapaflow fleet, but this is not expected to prove serious enough to delay signing of the Protocol. The Council also decided that German customs be paid in gold in future because of the varying exchange in the decreased value of paper money.

UNEMPLOYMENT LESS NOW THAN ANY TIME IN YEAR.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Unemployment now is less alarming than at anytime since the armistice was signed, W. H. Skinner, acting director general of the United States employment service, announced today.

"There is a job for every man who wants to work," said Skinner. "There is some unemployment due to the difficulty of connecting the men with the vacant job. Aside from the artificial unemployment brought on through strikes and industrial situation is good."

Skinner said these statements are based on reports to the unemployment service from 22 states. The reports show that in Wisconsin and Michigan there is a shortage of help. As a result of closing of shipyards on the Pacific coast, 5,000 men are reported jobless in Portland, Ore.

SMALL BLAZE TO-DAY.
The fire department was called to Third and Olive streets this afternoon at 1 o'clock where the door to a garage was on fire. The promptness of the department prevented any material loss.

Last year 429 people in Florida died of cancer, the death rate being 42 per 100,000 population against 38.2 in 1917. This year 160 cases of cancer have been reported to the State Board of Health. During 1917 and 1918 180,000 people in the United States died of cancer. Estimates compiled by government health authorities show that cancer is killing one out of every ten persons over 40 years of age.

THIS IS DAY WORLD WAS TO COME TO END.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—This is the day the world was scheduled to end because five planets ranged on one side of the sun. End of the world weather, as reported by government forecasters was featured by below normal temperatures in nearly all sections. No reports were received today of terrible storms scourging the earth as predicted unofficially. The juxtaposition of planets had nothing to do with the cold wave.

SECRETARY LANE IS LATEST TO WANT TO QUIT THE CABINET

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Secretary of the Interior Lane contemplates resigning from the cabinet but has not tendered his resignation. President Wilson discussed it with him, Lane said in a formal statement today. The statement followed reports the he had laid his resignation before the President and wished to leave the cabinet because of differences with the President and other cabinet members.

EAST COAST SCHEDULES
Changes in Winter Schedules Will Take Place Next Sunday.

The first change in schedules on the Florida East Coast Railway for the winter season will take place at 12:01 a. m. Sunday, December 21st, 1919 and effective that date two (2) additional trains in each direction will be added to the service:

Trains 33-34 The Palm Beach Limited. First departure southbound from Jacksonville, Sunday, December 21st; first departure northbound from Miami, Monday, December 22nd. Train 33 leaves Jacksonville 9:00 a. m. arriving Miami 10:00 p. m. Train 34 leaves Miami 6:20 a. m. arriving Jacksonville 7:50 p. m. and makes only important stops.

Trains 11-12 The Royal Palm. This train is an extension of the all year train operated between Cincinnati and Jacksonville and will carry a through sleeper between Chicago and Miami. This is a solid train between Cincinnati and Miami and the consist is dining car, coaches and the Chicago-Miami sleeper; also local sleeper between Jacksonville and Palm Beach. Train 11 leaves Jacksonville 1:30 p. m. arriving Miami 3:00 a. m. Train 12 leaves Miami 3:30 a. m. arriving Jacksonville 5:00 p. m.

Trains 85-86 The Havana Special will continue in operation as heretofore. Train 85 will leave Jacksonville 3:45 p. m. instead of 5:00 p. m. as at present, arriving Key West 10:50 a. m. Train 86 will leave Key West 8:30 p. m. arriving Jacksonville 3:15 p. m.

Trains 27-28 The Key West Express will continue in operation as at present.

TWO STATES WANT BOOZE.
New Jersey and Rhode Island to Fight Constitutional Amendment.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Rhode Island today will begin a fight against Constitutional Prohibition in the Supreme Court. Backed by a five thousand dollar appropriation legislature. They will take the same course in New Jersey. A petition was started yesterday.

TWENTY MILL LEVY FOR 1920 EXPENSE BILL FOR PALATKA

APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR LIBRARY AND ADVERTISING FUND—BUDGET 'IS ADOPTED' AND TAX ROLL ACCEPTED—NO APPLICANT FOR TAX ASSESSOR

Council last night accepted the tax roll for 1920, passed the budget fixing a levy of twenty mills and was prepared to elect a tax assessor for 1920, but found that there were no applicants.

The budget calls for an appropriation of \$1,500 for the maintenance of the public library and \$1,000 for the advertising fund asked for by the Business Men's Association. Alderman Coughlin was the only member of council voting against these appropriations.

The levy of twenty mills was divided as follows: General revenue, eight and a half mills; paving, two mills; fire, three mills; sinking fund, four mills; waterworks, two mills; public library, a half mill.

When the matter of election of a tax assessor for 1920 came up it was found that there were no applicants for the position. Alderman McNally nominated Alderman Dineen for the position of tax assessor, but Alderman Dineen said that while he appreciated the honor, he felt that his constituency in the Seventh ward, and for that reason would not consider the nomination. It was then decided to hold another session next Friday night for the purpose of electing an assessor.

There was some discussion as to the advisability of going ahead with the work of laying water mains without the supervision of a city engineer. Alderman Coughlin said that Foreman Perrine knew about as much about this work and was as efficient as any engineer in it. He highly commended the efforts of Mr. Perrine to give good service. Alderman Coughlin and Gay, who have been supervising the work of main extensions made their report and were asked to bring in a statement of cost for approval. Alderman Buie asked that some extensions be made in his ward and the committee was instructed to see that this is done.

Chairman of council Merrill announced his appointment to the Library Memorial Board as follows: Mayor W. P. Merriam, F. T. Merrill, E. L. Mann, H. P. Nerwich, Walter McNally, Goode M. Guerry, P. M. Hagan and R. F. Adams. This committee will be empowered to plan methods of financing the construction of the memorial, securing of a site and seeing that the work is done.

Applications of J. B. Green, James E. Ferrell and H. T. Bennett for appointment to the police force were read, but no action was taken. The mayor will appoint a special policeman until the next regular meeting of council.

Other routine business was disposed of.

SPEEDER COMES TO GULF.
(By United Press.)

ATLANTA, Dec. 17—H. W. Thompson who was injured in a crash at Dead Man's curve on the Peach tree Road near Brookwood Station late yesterday is expected to die in the hospital. He was coming into Atlanta at great speed and couldn't negotiate the turn. He hit the telephone pole. Other occupants in the car were uninjured.

SIX DEAD IN 4 ACCIDENTS IN ATLANTA

ONE ENTIRE FAMILY WIPED OUT WHEN TRAIN BACKS INTO MACHINE AT A GRADE CROSSING—FOUR BAD ACCIDENTS IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

(By United Press.)
ATLANTA, Dec. 17—Four automobile accidents, two yesterday and two today, resulted in the death of six persons and serious injury of three others. The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Singleton. William Singleton, aged three years. Pearl Singleton, seventeen months old.

The Singleton family was wiped out at Glenwood crossing when an Atlanta and West Point Railroad engine coupled to a string of cars backed back into the car. All of the occupants were killed instantly.

Mrs. Young was killed on the corner of North and Moreland avenues when two cars collided. She was thrown to the pavement and died instantly.

Two were seriously injured on the Jonesboro road late yesterday in a collision of two automobiles. The injured were rushed to the hospital and will recover.

H. W. Thompson, who was injured at Dead Man's curve late yesterday died today.

GERMAN TOYS MAKING THEIR WAY OVER SEAS

OTHER COMMODITIES BEING IMPORTED IN QUANTITIES.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—German toys worth hundreds of thousands of dollars are on the American Christmas market, according to government reports here today.

Figures at the department of commerce showed that German dolls and toys valued at \$515,000 were imported during September and October. Imports during November and December are expected to swell this total by another million.

That Germany is losing no time in her efforts to secure a foothold in American markets is shown by other imports during October as compared with September. During October, imports from Germany totaled \$2,517,608, an increase of half a million dollars over September. During October 1916, imports from Germany amounted to only \$85,417.

Furs, toys, silk and sugar beet need were the principal commodities imported.

The total values of these commodities were: Furs \$450,000; toys \$220,000; silk \$95,083; sugar beet seed \$609,876.

Exports to Germany from this country during October more than doubled as compared with the previous month. In October, exports totaled \$20,693,521, as compared with \$8,836,693 for September. There were no exports to Germany during October 1915 because of the war.

NO SHOW TO-NIGHT.
Owing to a burned trestle between Trilby and Sanford the Pollyanna Co., due to play here tonight cannot arrive until 10:30 and the show has been called off at The Arcade, which will be dark.